

Christine Jones - short CV

Qualifications

B.Sc. (First Class Honours) University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW, Australia
PhD (Soil Biochemistry). University of New England, Armidale, NSW, Australia

Research/teaching/extension experience and key dates

1973-1981: University of New South Wales, CSIRO Division of Textile Technology
1981-1998: University of New England; Agronomy, Soil Science, Botany
1998-2003: NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation
2004: Founder, 'Amazing Carbon'
2005: Implementation of the 'Managing the Carbon Cycle' Forum series
2007: Launch of the Australian Soil Carbon Accreditation Scheme (ASCAS)
2009: Establishment of the A & K Hill Green Agriculture Innovation Awards (GAIA)
2014: Scientific Advisor on Plant Nutrition, Best Environmental Technologies.
2015: Presentation of Soil Restoration Leadership Awards in conjunction with Rachele Armstrong, NutriHealth International and Rhonda Willson, Singapore.
2004-2018: 'Fundamentals of Soils' workshops: Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, USA, Canada, Costa Rica, Western Europe.

Short bio

Dr Christine Jones is an internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soils ecologist. She has a wealth of experience working with innovative landholders to implement regenerative land management practices that enhance biodiversity, increase biological activity, sequester carbon, activate soil nutrient cycles, restore water balance, improve productivity and create new topsoil. Christine has organised and participated in workshops, field days, seminars and conferences throughout Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Western Europe, Central America, USA and Canada and has a strong publication and presentation record.

Christine received a Community Fellowship Award from Land and Water Australia in 2001. The LWA Community Fellowship Program was designed to 'provide recognition to individuals with an outstanding track record in mobilising and inspiring the community to better manage their land, water and vegetation'.

In February 2009, Christine established the prestigious A & K Hill Green Agriculture Innovation Awards (GAIA) with generous support from Allan and Kay Hill, who viewed an Australian Broadcasting Commission 'Landline' program documenting her vision to improve landscape health and farm productivity through the regeneration of topsoil. The GAIA awards ran for five years.

Christine is a member of Arizona State University's 'Carbon Nation Team' and sits on the advisory board of 'The Carbon Underground'. These organisations recognise that farming and grazing practices designed to improve levels of soil biological activity through the active management of diverse yearlong green groundcover are key to the restoration of soil function, clean water and nutrient dense food.

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